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SUBJECT : PAIGC COMMUNIQUE ON GENERAL GUINEA-BISSAU SITUATION

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1. PAIGC COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 29, 1973 COMMENTS ON PORTUGUESE CHANGE OF GUINEA-BISSAU COMMAND FROM GENERAL SPINOLA TO GENERAL BETTENCOURT, NOTING THAT LATTER EXPECTED TO BE MORE MILITARILY-ORIENTED, LESS HESITANT TO ATTACK CIVILIAN POPULATION CENTERS. SPINOLA'S CIVIC ACTION APPROACH ("SMILES AND BLOOD") HAS BEEN REJECTED SAYS PAIGC. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT PORTUGUESE HAVE ALREADY INCREASED HIGH-ALTITUDE BOMBING OF CIVILIAN CENTERS, PARTICULARLY IN TOMBALI REGION.

2. PAIGC CLAIMS TO HAVE MOUNTED SEVERAL ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES IN OCTOBER, GENERALLY IN SOUTHERN SECTOR, AS WELL AS ARTILLERY ATTACKS ON PORTUGUESE GARRISONS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

3. COMMENT: IN OCT 11 MEETING WITH EMBOFFS (REFTEL), LUIS CABRAL HAD EXPRESSED PAIGC CONCERN THAT WAR LIKELY TO GET BLOODIER UNDER BETTENCOURT. PAIGC IS ALERT FOR POSSIBILITY TO EXPLOIT ANY INCIDENTS OF PORTUGUESE ATROCITIES, SIMILAR TO
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SEPTEMBER REPORTS FROM MOZAMBIQUE, TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL

INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR PAIGC.

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